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Susan Gillis is new LAP president; Bartylak to receive Rolewick Award

By Stephen Anderson

Susan Fox Gillis of Chicago will be installed Friday, Nov. 1, as president of the Lawyers' Assistance Program, and Joseph R. Bartylak of Alton, a past president, will receive the organization's Carl H. Rolewick Award.

Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will be keynote speaker for the 22nd annual LAP dinner, which will begin with a non-cocktail reception at 6 p.m. in the Empire Room of the Palmer House Hilton, Chicago.

An associate judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, Gillis is a past president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and the National Association of Women Lawyers. She is a 1988 graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law and a member of the ISBA Juvenile Justice Section Council.

When Judge Gillis is installed by Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorro, she will succeed Sheila M. Murphy, a retired judge and member of the ISBA Board of Governors.

Other officers are Laura A. Otten-Grahek of Washington and Cook County Associate Judge Daniel G. Welter, vice presidents; Norman E. Wilson of Chicago, treasurer, and John P. Nicoara of Peoria, secretary.

Bartylak, the recipient of the LAP's highest honor for contributions to its goals and mission of helping lawyers and judges with substance dependencies, has headed the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation since it was established in 1972.



Gillis



Bartylak

A 1947 graduate of the Washington University School of Law, he was a county prosecutor and city attorney during his 24-year general practice. A past president of the Madison County Bar Association, he became staff attorney for the county's Legal Services Society in 1971.

A year later, Bartylak became directing attorney of LLLAF at its inception, and he was named executive director in 1976. During the next four years, its area of service was expanded from 13 Southern Illinois counties to 65 in a 33,000-square-mile area.

An ISBA Assembly member, Senior Counsellor and Charter Fellow of the Illinois Bar Foundation, Bartylak is vice chair of the Committee on Public Relations and past chair of the Committee on Delivery of Legal Services and the Committee on Professional Conduct. Bartylak will join 22-year board members Wilson, Robert Cummins of Chicago and retired Peoria judge E. Michael O'Brien for special recognition.

Also being honored at the Nov. 1 dinner is Cook County Associate Judge

Ronald S. Davis, a LAP board member for several years, who will receive the John Powers Crowley Award for special contributions among the judiciary.

A former member of the ISBA Board of Governors, Judge Davis served on the Tort Law Section Council and Committee on Media Law, and he chaired a Special Committee on Computers in Courtrooms.

He also chaired Chicago Bar Association committees on civil practice and medical-legal issues and served on the boards of the Decalogue Society and North Suburban Bar Association. He is a 1958 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Law.

LAP Gratitude Awards will be presented to 18th Circuit Judge Robert J. Anderson, Wheaton attorney Brigid A. Duffield and Chicago trial lawyer Philip H. Corboy. Joy Lee will receive a President's Award for her work with recovering lawyers.

Several new awards will be presented at the dinner, including an Access Illinois Award to ISBA Executive Director Robert E. Craghead, and Donor's Awards to the Illinois Bar Foundation and ISBA Mutual Insurance Co.

State Rep. Robert Ryan and State Sen. Peter Roskam will receive Legislator Awards, and retiring John Marshall Law School Dean Robert Gilbert Johnston, a Law School Award. Law Firm Awards will be presented to Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw; Rothschild, Barry & Myers, and Seyfarth Shaw.

Dinner tickets are \$100 per person. For reservations, call LAP executive director Janet Piper Voss at (312) 726-6607.